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Dear Members of the LaSallian Education Family,

I believe most of you are aware that after his retirement, Brother Albinus has continued the work of the La Salle Brothers in Sarawak through the Yayasan LaSallian Kuching (YLK) which he founded in 2002 together with some former students of St Joseph namely, Datuk Chris Sim and William Chong and from Sacred Heart School, Dr. Lim Choon Yang and Jacob Wong to name a few. Years ago when Sibu and Kuching were like rural areas, most, if not all of us, have benefited from the years under the tutelage of the La Salle Brothers – discipline, hard work, confidence, perseverance and a holistic school education. Brother Albinus now through YLK, would like to pass this legacy to the children living in the rural areas especially those who are left behind in their studies, to the marginalised students and those who are deprived of the chance of conducive learning environment.

Currently, YLK has five (5) centres in Bau District and three (3) centre in Kuching where the special learning programmes or/and tuition classes are held. Altogether, we have more than 200 students. The special learning programmes provide invaluable assistance to students with difficulty in reading and writing. This proves to be effective and we are very proud that all these centres show remarkable progress and results. In the tuition classes, English, Mathematics and Science are offered to students. To-date, we have obtained an outstanding average improvement of 50% in Science in the UPSR examinations and 30% in English and Mathematics. The success of these classes is the result of the dedication, commitment and diligence of the teachers and students alike.

Ever since its inception, YLK has helped about 1,200 students especially those in the rural areas. The success of YLK has prompted many parents from different Kampongs to seek YLK to set up similar centres for their children. As much as we would like to help as many children as possible, it is not financially feasible to open up new centres to meet the increasing demand. As a non-profit organisation, YLK is entirely dependent on generous support from former students, corporate organisations as well as caring members of the public. We are very grateful to those who have been generously contributing to the cause of YLK all these years to make it what it is today. The estimated average cost per annum incurred for each student is RM1000.00. This amount helps to pay for the rental of the centres, honorarium for the teaching and administration staff and other operating expenses.

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We appeal to all members of the LaSallian Education family and caring members of the public to contribute generously and where possible consistently and to play a critical role in making a difference to the lives of these rural children, when once upon a time, we ourselves have benefitted from the generous work of the LaSallian brothers who literally sacrificed their lives for our education needs. Besides monetary contribution, you are most welcome to join us as a member of YLK. Alternatively, we also value your expertise and experience as a volunteer at our Centers.

For more information, please visit the newly launched website of YLK at www.ylk.org.my You can download the Membership Form and Volunteer Form.

## Enclosed are:

- 1. "Stars of Tomorrow" Issue 2 for the updates on our activities
- 2. Pledge of Hope form
- 3. A self-addressed envelope for your further action.

All pledges/contributions can be also be credited to:

YAYASAN LASALLIAN KUCHING STANDARD CHARTERED BANK MALAYSIA BERHAD ACCOUNT NO: 420156625375

We are also establishing a list of Contributors/Members of the LaSallian Family in the website and would be grateful if you could let us know if you prefer to remain anonymous.

We thank you and we look forward to a favourable reply from all of you.

Yours Sincerely,
Peter Yap Seng
Chairman (2012/2013)

